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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EXTENDING
BAND OF AUDIO SIGNAL USING NOISE
SIGNAL GENERATOR

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 - b. ☒ a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) *previously submitted with the initial filing of the National Stage Application on January 27, 2006 (Attachment E)*,
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 - d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
 - e. ☒ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
- U.S. Patent No. 6,829,360 corresponds to WO 00/70769; and
U.S. Patent No. 6,941,333 corresponds to JP 2002-252562.**
5. ☐ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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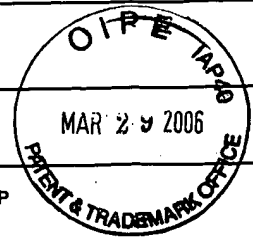
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	AA	6,829,360	12/2004	Iwata et al.			
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